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Bonspiel Starts After Christmas

Three Competitions in Big Curling Post-All Curlers Invited to Compete—Ladies Will Play—President's Team Wins Competition.

The annual bonspiel of the Bassano Curling club is scheduled to open Tuesday, Dec. 26. It is a holiday here and everybody will be able to get away for the start. Thespiel consists of three competitions, the Merchants, the Grand Challenge, and the Consolidating. Members from neighboring clubs are invited to enter thespiel, and also local men not members of the club, and also ladies. Skips are requested to notify H. P. McDonald a notice so that plans for the bonspiel may go forward without delay.

Twenty-five rinks took part in last season's big curling event, and it is hoped to have as many for the bonspiel next year.

President Wins
President Wm. McLaw's and his teammates won over Vice President H. H. Beaber by a margin of 11 points in the first competition, the Merchants. L. N. Whitehorn won the second and made it a decided victory for the president when he defeated Geo. E. Stille 14-5 in the last game of the competition. The results are:

President	Vice Pres.
McLaw 19	Beaber 10
Dr. Scott 15	Stille 5
Holmes 13	Stille 13
Pharigan 7	Keith 10
McDonald 7	Currie 12
Whitehorn 14	O. Stille 5
Whitehorn 67	

President McLaw cordially invites Vice Pres. Beaber to entertain the members of the winning team to a turkey dinner—soon.

H. P. McDonald has a strong looking rink, but they haven't hit their stride yet. They have yet to register a win.

Whitehorn is going strong, winning two out of three games played to date.
Dr. Scott's powerful aggression has so far outlasted every opponent.

Tax Payment Time Extended 15 Days

The town secretary treasurer has been notified by Hon. R. G. Reid, minister of municipal affairs, Edmonton, that the time limit for paying the first instalment under the new tax consolidation agreement has been extended 15 days.

The Hon. Mr. Reid announces that owing to the condition of the roads throughout the province it has been found impossible in many cases to haul grain and livestock to the markets, and as a consequence a large number of rural taxpayers are unable to meet the payments falling due Dec. 15. The government feels it fairer to the taxing authorities and the public in general an extension of time should be granted in which to make these payments, and instructions to towns, villages, and municipal districts to accept payments under these agreements up to and including Dec. 31, 1932, have been issued. Legislation will be introduced at the next session of the house to validate this extension.

GEM NEWS

GEM, Dec. 15—Several hundred turkeys have been shipped from Gem colony during the past few days. Shipments have been made to Vancouver, while earlier in the month a shipment was sent west to Dushawa, where growing was better than preparatory to shipping to Great Britain for the Christmas trade.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collins on the birth of a son a few days ago at the Bassano Hospital. Mother and son are expected some before the Christmas holidays.

Fitch Koelling, who recently wired the farm house with electric lights, has now completed his work by making an electric welding machine. Hundreds of stock and a couple of thousand eggs are being wintered on the different farms in Gem colony.

Miss S. McFarly, sister of the late Jim McFarly, has written to the Gem correspondent requesting that her address be given to any friends of her deceased brother, and stating that she would be very pleased to hear from them.

Miss S. McFarly, P.O. box 646, Weston, West Virginia, U.S.A.

C. Douglas, Gem school principal, made a business trip to Calgary at the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lawrie and daughter, Mrs. Brown and baby now are expected New Year guests in the colony. They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lawrie.

Gem consolidated school will close Friday evening for the Christmas holidays. The annual Christmas concert and Christmas tree celebration will be held the same evening, when an excellent program of Christmas carols, plays, etc., will be presented by the day school and Sunday school children. A new feature is added this year by the members of the Sunday school choir who will render several musical numbers. Rehearsals have been in progress for some time, and it is anticipated by all members of the community that a very enjoyable evening will be spent. There will also be the distribution of Christmas bags by Santa Claus to the little ones.

DEFENDANTS GET ORDER FOR SALE IN ROUND-UP CASE

Judge W. A. Macdonald, in the local court office Thursday granted an order for sale in the case of Herbert Jones vs. Gordon Walker et al—the famous round-up case. Walker and the other defendants made application for costs, and Judge Macdonald granted the application. A seizure was made of 135 head of horses, and Judge Jones pays the costs of the case, the sale will proceed.

Two Local Hockey Teams To Meet In First Game

The Bassano Junior and juvenile hockey teams will open the hockey season when they meet on the local ice-sheet Friday night, Dec. 22. The game starts at 7:30 sharp, and admission is free to everybody. The fans have the advantage in experience and weight, but the juveniles expect to put up stiff opposition. The juveniles expect to play this season against teams from Gleichen, Brooks, Arrowwood, Gem, Cuzco, and any other club that cares to challenge them. They plan to have one game a week, either at home or away.

The Mail wishes its readers a Happy Christmas Season

STORES CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Stores in Bassano will be closed Monday and Tuesday next week, Christmas Day and the day following. They will remain open Friday and Saturday evenings this week.

Hussar Masons Elect Officers for 1933

At the annual election of Hussar Lodge A.F. and A.M. the following officers were elected:

W. E. Bell, W. M.
W. A. Treacy, S. W.
E. L. Johnson, J. W.
L. P. Snyder, treas.
J. McAllister, sec.
DeMott, T.

The following completes the list of officers: M. D. Muir, I.P.M.; B. S. Silt, B.D.; C. T. Armstrong, J.D.; B. Anderson, Chap.; W. D. Moffat, D.O.C.; J.A. Williams, S.S.; H. A. Treacy, J.S.; P. R. Reeves, Reg.

ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, Dec. 15—Mrs. McHale and Mrs. Miller called on Friday, Dec. 16, for the British ladies. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cyr are staying with Mr. McHale.

Oswald Vogel visited across the river last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gellings entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Swanson, Betty and Arla, to supper on Wednesday. Miss Marlon is spending a few days in Carleton with her aunt and uncle.

Art Peterson is contemplating spending a few months with friends in Rosemary.

Miss Loe Ankrum spent last week with Miss Agatha Gellings.

Roman Catholic services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gellings Dec. 25.

Hockey Boys Raise Funds for Equipment

A good sized crowd attended the card party and dance put on by the Juvenile Hockey Club last Friday evening.

Mrs. H. D. Bacon won the lady's prize for whit, drawing the lady card after doing with Mrs. H. G. Angell for points. Roy Smith won the gentlemen's prize for whit. At bridge prizes went to Mrs. Mary Bulmer and Stanley Wight.

C. Brodie and J. Storrance each won a ham with a lucky ticket, and the turkey went to A. J. Bartlett.

After cards the ladies served a delightful lunch upstairs, and Joe Harris' orchestra played for the dance which followed.

The club realized nearly \$20 on the evening's entertainment.

New Officers Elected By Hussar U. F. A.

The annual meeting of the Hussar U.F.A. took place in Hussar schoolhouse on Saturday, Dec. 16. The executive was unanimously re-elected to serve for the year 1932. The officers are as follows:

Prestlied, G. T. Armstrong, vice pres., Peter Reinholdt; secretary, P. E. Campbell; directors appointed were: F. Muller, P. Holmes, L. Tonnerson, J. M. Wheatley, J. Sanden.

The organization was able to report a successful year. Membership was more than trebled that of 1922, and the treasury has been put in a very healthy condition.

A meeting of the members decided to send two delegates to the U.F.A. annual convention to be held at Edmonton. Delegates are: G. T. Armstrong and P. E. Campbell.

HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, Dec. 15—Rev. A. R. Aldridge of Oden, will hold services in the school house on Sunday, Dec. 26, at noon, and also on Jan. 7 at noon.

The boy scouts held a very successful card party at the Hus Cafe on Friday evening. Bridge was played at nine tables. Mrs. H. D. Brown won the lady's first prize and Mrs. M. McKeown, second.

Miss Petard the consolation. C. Kirby won the gentlemen's first prize and Leo Bransard the consolation. The prizes consisted of pieces of freewill which the scouts had made. The proceeds of the evening were \$11. J. G. Lawson donated a turkey which added to the fund it was won by Hans Buchsmit.

Joe Hines returned on Friday from Calgary. He reported the tracks around Husar as badly drifted by the windstorm of Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Christensen, Mrs. Hawkins, and Miss Rovers motored to Calgary on Thursday.

Mr. Grollings and Lucille were Calgary visitors on Thursday.

A. Anderson and Miss Anna Holmstrom on Wednesday from a trip to Calgary.

Romeo Bransard came home on Sunday from Sylvan Lake to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Petard is a guest of Mrs. Bransard.

John Williams went to Calgary Tuesday for a visit with relatives there.

Leo Bransard is the caretaker of the skating rink. The Athletic Club spent Saturday Skating the rink. Eleven tanks of water have been used, and there is a fair sheet of ice. Flooding will continue all week, and they hope to be able to open the rink for skating on Saturday.

Mr. Walters Sr. left on Tuesday for Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Treacy and H. A. Treacy motored to Calgary on Monday.

Art Flanagan spent the week-end in Bassano.

The curlers are getting on a dance at the hall of Wednesday, Dec. 27. The Gay Melodians will furnish the music.

Stormy weather again made the road to Bassano almost impassable, but traffic kept the road well open.

Sunshine Brings Cheer to Homes

Many Local People Contribute Clothing to Bassano Sunshine Committee—Toys, Needed to Make Happy Christmas for Children

The appeal of the Bassano Local Sunshine Committee for contributions of clothing which could be patched up and made serviceable for another winter or used for making children's clothes, were collected last Thursday by Sunshine and will be distributed to needy families in town. Contributions were received from the following: Mrs. W. S. Playfair, Mrs. M. A. MacLean, Mrs. J. H. Gille, Mrs. Wm. McLaw, Mrs. H. W. Harper, Mrs. N. E. Hilton, Mrs. J. D. Donaldson, Mrs. A. McKee, Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. R. M. Easterbrook, Mrs. M. R. Milroy, Mrs. S. Johnston, Mrs. E. Wight, Mrs. E. P. Currie, Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mrs. W. F. Keith, Mrs. W. G. Hines.

Sunshine will be glad to accept further contributions. Notify Jas. R. Donaldson and Sunshine will call for them.

Perhaps there is nothing more tragic than an empty stocking on Christmas morning. No visit from Santa Claus—no toys—no bags of nuts and candy—no happy Christmas hours—a bleak and dreary Christmas. Sunshine wants all children to be happy Christmas morning, and to help bring cheer to the little hearts in poor families Sunshine is gathering discarded gold, toys, etc. There will be so many stockings Christmas morning if Sunshine can prevent it, and your assistance is invited in this good work. Many children have discarded toys, or perhaps an overabundance of toys, and these more than Christmas. Gifts of this kind will be welcomed by Sunshine and placed in ragged little stockings, expectantly hang for Santa's visit. Sunshine prefers to have toys in good repair, as there are no facilities for mending broken toys. Cash contributions for this cause will also be gratefully received.

CROWFOOT NEWS

CROWFOOT, Dec. 15—Don't forget the Christmas concert and dance at the Crowfoot school next Friday, Dec. 22. Everybody welcome; ladies preferred.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the hockey dance in Bassano last Friday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Brewer of Calgary, is spending a few days visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Guyatt and Mrs. Elton Heyford made a business trip to Calgary last week.

The Misses Jean and Lois Conner were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Robertson last Wednesday evening.

The Christmas concert at Makepeace will be held Thursday night. It will be followed by a dance; everyone is welcome.

Last Saturday evening about 35 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberge gathered at the home of Mr. Roberge for a very enjoyable evening was spent playing cards and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roberge and Sidney, and Mrs. J. H. Brewer were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Campbell last Sunday evening.

Pete Holman and O. McDuffy were business callers in Bassano last Thursday.

The visit last Saturday and Sunday will keep the motorists at home for a few days till they get the snow drifts shovelled away from their garages.

BOWLING

BOWLING—Miss Grace Scherer, a consistent winner in the bowling competitions, carried off the lady's prize in Canadian five pins at Foster's bowling alley last week with the fine score of 84. Miss Hall counted 14 to win the prize in ladies' American five pins.

Old Roberge rolled it to win the prize in the men's Canadian five pins competition.

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"Now! What did I tell you!"

Nearly half the women workers in the jam and confectionary industry in England are under 30 years old. Prices of commodities in France are increasing.

More automobiles are being registered in Spain than a year ago.

Miss Well Paid For
A nurse minister discovered two men playing cards on Sunday—and for money.

"Rastus," said the minister, "don't you know it's wrong to play cards on do Sabbath?"
"Yeh, pashon," answered Rastus, respectfully. "But, believe me, ah's payin' foh mah sins."

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Christmas Messages from the Churches

ANGELICAN CHURCH
Canon R. D. Harrison

By the courtesy of the editor of The Bassano Mail, for which I owe him my grateful thanks, I am permitted to send a short Christmas message to the readers of this paper. It is sure that many are finding Christmas Day with some embarrassment. This Christmas once again has to be one of retrenchment; contributions to its festivity have to be curtailed, not only in the home and family life but in expressions of affection and friendship to relatives and friends at a distance. These hard facts are, perhaps, taking away the enthusiastic spirit of Christmas and replacing it with one of sorrow. I see little in harmony with that Great Festival.

May I suggest then, two ways in which we may counter-balance these ill effects? If we have not money we still have ourselves. If the larger circle of contact is denied we still have the smaller one. Let us make even greater efforts to show our good-will by the generous giving of ourselves to cheer and lighten those whose plight may be worse than ours. Let us make our little sacrifices more real and more hearty than when in more prosperous times they were less needed. And, secondly, let us show in our own conduct that we at least are happy with the deep happiness which belongs to that Day and carry that happiness into the lives of those among whom we mingle.

Doing so we shall be following, in our small way, the example of God Himself. Those Infant Son He gave to open His eyes on mortal life, and those herald angels proclaimed the event to men with assurance of Peace and Good-will, on Christmas Day.

Ralph D. Harrison.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. John Hart

It is a pleasure to respond to the kind request which the editor has made to me for a short Christmas message to the readers of The Bassano Mail. I take the opportunity, then, cordially to wish each of you, whether living in the town or country, and whatever your individual lot may be, a Christmas of good cheer, and to express the hope also that the coming New Year will be for every possible way better than the old has been for one and all. May the bells:

"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kinder hand;

"Ring out the darkness of the land,
"Ring in the Christ that is to be!"

In the exultant leader and beautiful story of the first Christmas morning, we are told that the shepherds, having heard the joyful tidings of the Saviour's birth, said one to another, "Let us go even unto Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass." It was the proper course to take. Man's knowledge and assurance concerning spiritual and divine matters grow only as they strive in obedience to the light which they receive. The hour apparently was late, and they may have had a tedious way to go. These circumstances did not weigh with them, however. They were personally and vitally interested, and decided to proceed without delay "even unto Bethlehem."

I have made this reference to what they did because I should, like to urge that if at this Christmas season we shall somehow find time to copy their example in spirit, which is the only possible way, of course, we shall be in a position not only to lead a great heaven for life, but also to obtain that reassurance of heart and mind which, especially in these days of unprecedented difficulty and distress, so very many most urgently need.

At Bethlehem we shall see the supreme proof of the reality and consecration of the love of God. Numerous thoughtful people are often tempted, amid the mysteries of the world and life, to doubt the existence in the universe of anything particularly gracious toward man. Its beauty and goodness nevertheless have ever drawn multitudes toward the thought and belief that there is a Living Love both within it and above it. That Wondrous Child in the manger-cradle, contrary to the truth of this great inference. The love of God toward us is manifest in providing the very Saviour that we required.

At Bethlehem we shall see also evidence of the dignity of human nature. A great deal can be said truly against the idea of its worth.

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Not a few have taken a wholly dark and hopeless view of it. But surely it is glorified in the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. This feast of ours is made the Temple of Divinity. Jesus is Immanuel—that is, God with us. We are shown too that it is life which proceeds, not external circumstances. This Child was greeted by His mean environment. He seemed the image of helplessness, yet in Him were those latent powers and possibilities which cannot be measured or appraised. Let us think more of life, and less of things.

At Bethlehem, once more, we may see what is the one hopeful way toward a new and better world-order. Christmas is primarily the festival of childhood. It sets the child in the midst. Mythology says that Minerva the goddess of wisdom, leaped forth mature and in complete armor from the brain of Jupiter. But Christ entered into this life of ours as a tender Child, and thus we too met at the deepest point of our weakness and necessity. Let us so order our lives and our homes that our children may easily find their way to Him, for He is the Light and Hope of all.

"Given, not lent,
"And not withdrawn—once sent."
"This Infant, of mankind, this One,
"Is still the little welcome Son.
"New every year,
"New-born and newly dear,
"He comes, with tidings and a song,
"The ages long, the ages long."

Ranchers in the vicinity of Flagstaff, Arizona, are in search of a giant bear known as "Old Grizzly." The ranchmen estimate the bear has killed more than 500 sheep in two years.

Leo Emerick, of Payette County, Pa., recently killed a five foot blue bear in which two small wild turkeys were found.

Proof Enough
"It isn't satisfactory," protested the traveler, "to have the house built over the bog pen that way."
"Well, denials," replied the native, "we ain't lost a pig in 15 years."

A Mistake
He: "I say, I wish you wouldn't call me Mr. Jenkins."
She (coolly): "Why don't you wish me to call you Mr. Jenkins?"
He: "Merely because my name's Robinson."

Banff Queen



Miss Violet Davis, of Edmonton, Alberta, who is March Queen of the Banff Winter Carnival, from January 31st to February 6th, inclusive. This internationally famous winter sports meet, which provides thrills ranging from outdoor swimming, to toboggan chutes built on mountain sides, and ski-joring over mountain trails, will this year again take its place among the outstanding Western Canadian winter carnivals.

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Robert Carter Her Sweetheart
Wm. Dart The Undertaker
Simon Judd Friend of Drane
Dr. Bessington, The Family Doctor
Dick Brennan A Detective

The day was splendid, as brilliant as a day on Long Island can be, and almost brilliant faded. The great square house with its mansard roof and many wings and additions and the great pillars of the veranda that gave it a certain nobility was gleaming white, for it had just been painted. The painters, as a matter of fact, were still at work on the rear of the house. They were working over time this Saturday afternoon, hurrying to finish the job. John Drane had complained of the paint odor, saying it gave him a headache.

The Drane place, although it had been given no publicity of any kind as good as any in Westcote. Real estate dealers roughly estimated it to be worth a hundred thousand dollars and pointed to it as the best sample of low prices in Westcote had improved. Drane had paid fifteen thousand for it in 1922 and had spent some twenty thousand in improving the place, having the plaster veranda built on and so on, so that the whole cost to him had been only thirty thousand dollars. This was mentioned as a sample of

the good fortune John Drane had in all his investments. No one knew just what he was worth but he was reputed to be worth at least a million dollars, possibly a great deal more. On this Saturday afternoon he sat on his veranda just as he had seated himself on his return from his office in the city. He sat in one of the wicker chairs, a wicker stool beside him, and on this he had placed his hat and cane, and he leaned back in his chair with his eyes closed in the attitude of a very tired man. One of the hands that grasped the arm of his chair twitched slightly; it was the slender, aristocratic arm of a man of seventy. Presently Norbert, the colored house man, came thru the door carrying a tray on which were a glass of milk, a plate of crackers, a napkin, and several dainty sandwiches. He moved the wicker stool a little closer to Drane's chair, removed the hat and cane and placed the tray on the stand. John Drane opened his eyes.

"All right, Norbert," he said. "I'm just taking this hot air out of the hall, Miss Drane," the negro said. "I thought how maybe you might like them sandwiches—"

"As Miss Amy said I should say you are you go to use the car any more this afternoon. She said if you were she should let you drive it. Drane dipped a cracker in milk and ate a little without apparent appetite.

"I don't feel well, Norbert," he said. "I certainly don't feel well. Take this stuff away, will you? I can't eat it. I'm not going to use the car; you may yell Amy she can have it. There's nobody coming!"

"Only Miss Carter," the negro said. "Him and Miss Amy are playing tennis out back in the tennis court."

"Couple of young folks," he said. "When you go out there, Norbert, tell young Carter I want to see him. No hurry—tomorrow will do; whenever he has time. And tell Mrs. Vincent to ready for a guest. I'm expecting a man to stay a few days."

"Yes sir," Norbert said, and he took up the tray and went. He coughed as he reached the door, coughed so hard that he had to pause with the tray resting on a ledge. It was the distressing cough of a man suffering from tuberculosis.

"You want to be careful of that cold of yours," John Drane said, and he coughed and added, "He opened the door; Miss Vincent she's just fairly; she ain't no more than fairly; no sir."

John Drane's fingers tapped the arm of his chair nervously. He frowned as his eyes rested on the long toe-studded chair that ran down the road. This nervousness was unusual with him, ordinarily he was so calm and cold and unmoved by even the most exciting events that in the district surrounding Wall Street he was called the Human Sphinx—silent, stern, unfathomable.

To the town of Westcote John Drane was not a stranger. In Westcote he had made his home some twenty-five years earlier, a bachelor of forty-five who preferred a home in the country. His purchase of the old house and his considerable expenditures for repairs had been a seven day topic and then he had been accepted as a silent man, possibly suffering from a chronic indigestion that made him a little cranky, but not such a bad sort of a fellow. He took no part in the town affairs that called for mass meetings and service on committees, but he gave with fair liberality when he approved a cause; he received those who came to him on such affairs and listened to them, silently, but with keen attention. Sometimes, without a word he wrote a check; sometimes he merely said, "I am not interested."

He took no part in social affairs. At times passed he did become interested in some of the financial concerns—he became a director of one of the banks, and was a regular attendant at its board meetings—but he was known mainly, until automobiles made horses a nuisance, for his fine horses. His coachman always drove him to the train and met him on his return until the time came when he bought an auto-

mobile; after that his carriages always drove him to his office, passed around the corner of Wall Street on Broadway. He was not so much of a peculiar man as a self-sufficient one. In the deals he made in Wall Street he played a lone hand. He never took part in syndicates, never allied himself with groups. And some of his deals were sensationally profitable. It was the amazing effrontery of some of these deals that had attracted attention to him officially to warrant his being given a rebuke of his own—The Human Sphinx. He would not talk of his deals or of the market or of anything. The moment he reached the city was for all practical purposes, mute.

It was not long before Westcote knew he was an extremely wealthy man. Solutions for a new hospital, going to John Drane in the hope of getting him to give some hundreds of dollars or perhaps a thousand, came away from the house with a cheque for an even hundred thousand. There had been no wasted words. "Yes, I approve of it. I will give you something," he had said, and, turning to the desk, he had written the cheque. The solutions, glancing at it, had thought it was a thousand dollars and had been profuse in his thanks; not until the cheque was turned in to the treasurer was it discovered that the amount was the sum of a hundred thousand. The cheque went thru the bank and was paid without question.

"Well, the boy old son-of-a-gun!" the treasurer of the hospital exclaimed. "He must have a heart in his dried-up carcass after all, even if he don't look like it!"

At seventy John Drane was still as buoy as ever, but "dried-up" did not describe him, nor had it ever. He was thin almost to emaciation but it was a soft thinness; his skin was not dried nor leathery, and his face had not become wrinkled as he fell into folds. His cheeks were drawn down below his grey eyes and when he removed his glasses the hollows under the eyes were almost ghastly, but even at seventy he was minutely careful of his body and dress, almost fastidious. He shaved twice a day, once in the morning and once at noon, for he had a complete shaving outfit at his office. In a small dressing room there he also changed his linen at noon; he could not be bothered there.

He was a tall man, or his thinness made him seem tall, and he fell into his stride as he walked. He was a nondescript black taxicab of the town entered his driveway.

"Ah!" he exclaimed, and then frowned, because a second taxicab had followed the first. The two cabs, following the wide sweep of the drive, one cab following close on the wheels of the other, drew up before the veranda and their doors opened simultaneously. From the second the passenger was quick to alight, a small man all in black, and he glanced toward John Drane. The millionaire, still frown-

ing, looked a negro and coughed his lips—a gesture so brief that it was hardly observable, but the man in black caught it and nodded that he understood. From the first cab the passenger had considerable trouble alighting. He was a huge man, broad of shoulder and hip, and he was trying to bring with him a huge yellow oilboard suitcase, in size proportioned to himself. He had the awkwardness of a man so taciturn to the frequent use of cabs, and when he finally stood on the gravel his face was red and perspiring and he wiped his forehead with the back of his hand before he dug into his pocket for the cab fare. "Black my cat!" he cried. "Come mighty near never gettin' out of your shebang, son. Half a dollar, ah? 'Tain't bad; here's a dime for ya."

He picked up his suitcase and turned to the steps. "Well, black my cat!" he cried. "You darned old John Drane! If you ain't just as bouy and kidney as you was when we was kids! Well, now, who'd have thought I'd ever be shakin' hands with you? Drane, away down east here, on the front porch of a regular blamed old place like this! How are you any more, you old rascal? Good old Skippy Drane! Well! Well! Well!" "Simon, I'm glad to see you," John Drane said, taking the fat man's hand. "Leave your luggage there, my man will take care of it. I've got to see you again, Simon. It's never been anyone from Riverbank of them over here since east. Yes, it's good to see you."

He turned then to the smaller man in black. "I'd like to see you, I'd like to see you to meet an old friend of mine, a man I haven't seen for—how long is it, Simon? Twenty-five years?" "Black my cat, no, John! Thirty-five, anyway. I wasn't to home when you was there, twenty-five years ago," the fat man said. "I'd come to Kansas City to try to find that boy of mine, but you would not remember that. I guess, thirty-five years!"

"Simon Judd, from my old home town of Riverbank, Iowa," John Drane said, completing the introduction. "And my good friend William Dart," he added. "You've heard me speak of Riverbank, Dart?" "Quite frequently," quite frequently," Dart said. "I've frequently to know you, Mr. Judd. Any friend of Mr. Drane's, of course—Yes, indeed, I've heard Mr. Drane speak of Riverbank! Yes, frequently."

They were interrupted by a young girl who came hurriedly and merrily around the house, half running and carrying a tennis racket in her hand. The evidence of a tennis match was expected to find Mr. Drane alone and had been eager to say something, but now she put it off, seeing that Drane had visitors.

The Reason
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COUNTRESS NEWS

COUNTRESS, Dec. 20—E. R. Heild has been on the sick list.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, of Red Deer, have been spending a few days visiting with their daughter, Mrs. J. Snape.

Miss Koneta Cowan is visiting with Mrs. Beutwick at Makepeace.
The Christmas concert, which is usually held in the Countess school, will this year be held in the Community Clubhouse on Thursday night, Dec. 21.

Miss Joan Gamble spent a few days visiting at Makepeace last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowan were supper guests at the Glens home Friday evening.

Mrs. John Swanson is spending a few days with Mrs. O. Swanson before leaving for the north country.

WHEAT

Increase in Wheat Acreage and in World Population

From 1885 to 1932 world wheat acreage increased by 184,000,000 acres, or 70 per cent. This amounts to an annual increase of 2,550,000 acres. From 1900 to 1932 wheat acreage increased 44 per cent while the population increased 17 per cent.

Federal Government Guarantee Not Required

Alberta Wheat Pool, which obtained federal government guarantee for its bank loans for its current operations in 1931 and 1932 is operating without this guarantee this present year. This information was given the annual meeting by R. D. Purdy, the manager. The pool's financial position has improved sufficiently to enable it to dispense with the government's assistance.

Southern Hemisphere Wheat Situation

International Wheat Commission
At a recent meeting of the International Wheat Commission the consensus of opinion was that the wheat problem was still far from solution and the international wheat marketing conditions, not at all promising because of continued over-production. A suggestion that the total of quotas (560,000,000 bushels) set at least five per cent too high and that there should be a reduction pro-rated back was made but was opposed by the United States. Quotas fixed last summer were: Canada, 200 million bushels; Argentina, 110 million; Australia, 105 million; U.S., 47 million; Russia, 37 million bushels.

THE PICTURES

"The Stranger's Return" is booked for a showing at the Orpheum Theatre Friday night of this week, Dec. 22. This great drama of the screen is a story as simple and powerful as the growth of the soil. A story of real people, human, simple, like the outlying spring from Lionel Barrymore and Miriam Hopkins star in this great picture.

"Pilgrimage" will play a return engagement Saturday night of this week, Dec. 23. This is a Fox production starring Henrietta Croaman, Heather Angel, Norman Foster and Marian Nixon. The story deals with the innermost emotions of a mother who cannot see her son taken away from her by the woman he loves. One of the most powerful of screen dramas.

There will be a midnight pre-view Monday, Dec. 25, starting at midnight. The program for this special attraction consists of a four reel Laurel and Hardy comedy, and the feature, "Man Must Fight," a stirring human production starring Lewis Stone, Phillip Holmes, and Dina Wynyard.

To Russell Bassano—I thank you for finding and returning a packet of valuable papers lost a few days ago. —D. Borowski, Hussar.

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LOCAL NOTES

Miss Cecily O. Robinson, daughter of R. P. Robinson and a former resident of Bassano, is now attending the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, according to word received from that city. Miss Robinson is taking a pre-nursing course in the island university. Later she will enter the Queen's hospital for nursing instruction. Her father is now connected with the Oahu Sugar Co. at Waipahu, a short distance from Honolulu.

Jimmie Donaldson has been transferred to the main Calgary office of the Royal Bank of Canada. He left Wednesday for his new post in the city.

Clarence Brodie was a business visitor in Calgary early this week.

A. O. Bond returned to Harts Wednesday after a few days spent in Bassano.

Maurice Edwards finds the cold weather rather severe in training for the Calgary Herald Christmas day road race. Maurice hopes to make a better showing than he did last year.

Bassano school closes Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, for the Christmas vacation, and will re-open Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Services in the Anglican Church Christmas morning at 11 o'clock.

There will be a British Empire radio broadcast from London at 7 o'clock Christmas morning. At 8:00 a.m. King George will broadcast a Christmas message.

The annual Knox Church Christmas concert will be held in the church tonight, Thursday, Dec. 21. The children have prepared a fine program of songs, music, and drama. Andrew Cairns has returned home after spending the past few weeks near Moosejahn.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. Neilson, of Tilley, on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Bassano Hospital. Richard Bond is a hospital patient.

Miss Betty Beufus, of Cluny, is a patient in the local hospital.

Don't forget the card party and dance on Friday, Dec. 28, in the Masonic Hall, Bassano. Harris' five piece orchestra is going to provide the music and supper will be served free. Tickets are on sale at 50 cents and 35 cents for school age. Proceeds are for the Anglican Church.

HELP SUNSHINE

The local Sunshine Committee will welcome any further contributions of clothing for needy families. Just notify Jas. R. Donaldson at the Town Hall, or some other member of the committee. The complete committee consists of H. A. Holmes, chairman, representing the Town of Bassano and the Board of Trade; Jas. R. Donaldson (secretary, representing the Anglican Church); Mrs. E. Corbett, representing the W. I.; Mrs. E. Leonard, representing the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church; Mrs. Walsh, representing the Roman Catholic Church; H. H. Beeber, representing the Bassano Fire Brigade. The names of H. H. Beeber and Jas. R. Donaldson were omitted from the committee list published two weeks ago.

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